

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our name.

We believe that we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE INTEROPERABILITY AND  
MANIPULATION OF DATA IN A COMPUTER NETWORK**

- the specification of which is attached hereto, unless the following box is checked:

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as United States Application Number or PCT  
International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§119(a) - (d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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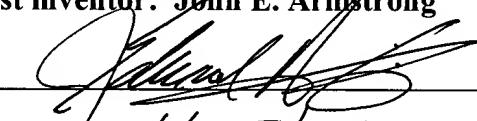
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